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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of May 02, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments<sup>1)</sup> be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 11 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are now pending in this case. Claim 1 has been amended, and Claims 11 to 14 have been added, as indicated in the listing of the claims.

Accordingly, applicants have revised the wording of Claim 1 to further emphasize that the catalytically active constituent of the catalyst consists essentially of the components (a) through (c). New Claim 11 has been added to bring out the embodiment of the process in which the catalytically active component of the catalyst is composed of components (a) through (c), and new Claims 12 to 14 have been added to further bring out the embodiments addressed on page 5, indicated lines 8 to 15, of the application. No new matter has been added.

1) Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 5 to 7 of this paper.

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